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The perceptions and experiences of Australian pet owners as a result of easing COVID-19 restrictions: Insights from an online survey

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Supplementary material

Appendix. Pet Ownership after the COVID-19 Pandemic Survey

1. Are you an Australian citizen/permanent resident?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Skip to: Ineligibility message if selection ≠ Yes

2. Which Australian State or Territory are you currently residing in?

- ☐ Victoria
- ☐ New South Wales
- ☐ Queensland
- ☐ Western Australia
- ☐ South Australia
- ☐ Tasmania
- ☐ Australian Capital Territory
- ☐ Northern Territory

3. Are you living in Metropolitan Melbourne (i.e. stage 4 restrictions)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Which of the following describes your living arrangement?

- ☐ I live with a partner
- ☐ I live alone
- ☐ I live with family
- ☐ I am unpartnered and live with my children
- ☐ I live with housemates
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Skip to: Ineligibility message if selection ≠ I live alone

5. What is your age? _____

Skip To: Ineligibility message if age is less than 18.

6. Which of the following options best describes your current gender identity?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary / gender diverse
- ☐ Prefer not to say

7. Which of the following options best describes your level of completed education?

- ☐ Year 10 or below
- ☐ Year 11/12
- ☐ TAFE course or trade apprenticeship
- ☐ Undergraduate degree
- ☐ Postgraduate degree
- ☐ Prefer not to say

8. Which of the following options describe your experience during the COVID-19 lockdown(s)?
- ☐ I continued my employment as an 'essential worker'
 - ☐ I lost my employment and had to apply for JobSeeker
 - ☐ I was able to keep my employment through the JobKeeper program
 - ☐ I did not experience significant change
 - ☐ None of the above (describe your unique situation) _____
9. Which of the following options describe your experience with *socialising* since the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions have been lifted?
- ☐ I am socialising as normal
 - ☐ I am socialising less than normal
 - ☐ I am socialising more than normal
10. Which of the following options describe your experience with *going out* since the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions have been lifted?
- ☐ I am going outside the house as normal
 - ☐ I am going outside the house less than normal
 - ☐ I am going outside the house more than normal
11. Which of the following pets do you live with? Indicate how many in the spaces below:
- ☐ Dog
 - ☐ Cat
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☐ Do not live with a pet

Skip To: End if selection = Do not live with a pet

12. The following questions relate to ownership of *the pet you are closest to or spend the most time with*. **Please select only one pet** to base your answers on and indicate which species they belong to, and how long you have owned them in the space below:
- ☐ Dog
 - ☐ Cat
 - ☐ Other _____

Skip To: Ineligibility message if selection = Other

13. In your own words, describe the ways being a pet owner has affected your experience of the removal of the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions

14. In your opinion, how has the removal of the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions affected your pet?
